CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	59dddff31cd56af1920539159826388f.JPG
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1000180.000
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	11 March 2010
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file contains explicit depictions of a child being subjected to sexual activity. It therefore promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes and is deemed to be objectionable. The image is evidence of sexual abuse. Its purpose is to titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in children. Publications such as this encourage viewers to see children as sexually desirable and available for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to strengthen this sexual interest and encourage the sexual exploitation of vulnerable young children.

The publication's classification interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.